Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2012/03/23: CIA-RDP83-00415R003800030019-6 FORM NO. 51-61A 50X1-HUM CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY · CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT INFORMATION REPORT COUNTRY Yugoslavia DATE DISTR. 7 November 1949 Reaction of Population on Korcula Island SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES 1 to the Tito-Cominform Rift PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. ACQUIRED (LISTED BELOW) 50X1-HUM DATE OF IN SUPPLEMENT_TO **AXXXXXXXXXX** REPORT NO. ILLED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FO. ER. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BODY OF TH DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE RECEIVING AGE! 50X1-HUM The people of Korcula Island are of the opinion that the Tito-Cominform conflict is not basically a sincere one. They claim that it is the result of a clash of personalities, and to be ascribed to certain individuals who would not submit to the Soviets as anticipated on matters of Party discipline. This opinion is based on the fact that pictures are to be seen everywhere of Stalin along with those of Lenin and Marx. Statements have also been made to the public at political conferences to the effect that the conflict is of a personal nature. Kaja Jelaska, director of the Korcula shipyard, gave the following explanation to the workers at a conference held toward the end of May 1949: "The quarrel is between certain individuals of the Yugoslav Communist Party and the Cominform. However, should war break out tomorrow, all will be forgotten and we will be shoulder to shoulder with the Soviets against our common enemies." On about 15 August 1949, a certain 2d Lieutenant Perhat (fnu) spoke at a political conference at the "New Shipyard" on Korcula Island. The speech was addressed to students of the Machinery School for non-commissioned officers who were working "voluntarily" in the shipyard. Perhat treated the Cominform conflict in the following words: "Why do you quarrel among yourselves on this matter when you know nothing about it? Tomorrow or the day after tomorrow, when war breaks out against the capitalist Anglo-Americans, you will no longer quarrel but will go to war shoulder to shoulder with your Soviet comrades." It should be emphasized that Jelaska and Perhat are very pro-Tito and are not Cominformists. A certain Spasoje (fnu), a citizen of Belgrade and a member of the crew of one of the three torpedo boats from Tivat which had docked in the Kocrula shipyard, is a former Partisan, and currently a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party and a follower of Tito. He stated that, in June 1949, a conflict had arisen between the Tivat Arsenal Command and Yugoslav officers stationed there. The latter had complained about the continued employment of Soviet technicians and instructors, and had rebelled because the Soviets were being paid higher salaries than were their Yugoslav counterparts. 50X1-HUM CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY NAVY

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